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PASS PEACE CORPS; USIA FOR IAA, IOP; LONDON FOR SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: GDSR
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, AMER, CG, AO
SUBJ: SHABA ATTACK: SITREP 24 (APR 2)

1. FOLLOWING IS 24TH MISSION-WIDE SURVEY INCLUDING REPORTS FROM
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LUBUMBASHI.

MILITARY SITUATION:
NOTE: ALL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCES ARE TAKEN FROM JOINT OPERATION
GRAPHIC (JOG) SERIES 1501 MAPS.

2. HOSTILE FORCES: NO CHANGE FROM SITREP 23 REPORTED BY DDN.

3. ZAIRIAN FORCES:

A. GROUND

(1) THE INADVERTENT ATTACK BY FAZA AIRCRAFT ON FAZ GROUND FORCES REPORTED IN SITREP 23 RESULTED IN 9 CASUALTIES.

(2) AS REPORTED BY THE LOCAL MEDIA AND CONTRARY TO ADDITIONAL FNLC COMMUNIQUE (APR 1, FBIS) ON HIS PURPORTED DEATH, LTG BUMBA HAS RETURNED TO KINSHASA AND WAS SEEN GETTING OF A FAZA C-130 MID-DAY 1 APR AT N'DJILI AIRPORT (0423S/1527E). WHAT HIS DUTIES AND LOCATION WILL NOW BE REMAINS UNKNOWN.

(3) A TOTAL OF 13 FRENCH MILITARY TO ACT AS ADVISORS TO DDN AND GEN SINGA DID ARRIVE ON 1 APR AND WERE GIVEN AN OPERATIONS BRIEFING AT DDN BEFORE BEING DISPATCHED FOR SHABA. REPORTEDLY THEY WERE TOLD BY GOF THEY COULD GO WHEREVER THEY WERE NEEDED EXCEPT TO THE ZONE OF CONTACT ITSELF.

B. AIR:

IT IS EVIDENT FROM PRECEDING ENTRY THAT SOME SORTIES ARE BEING FLOWN BY FAZA EVEN THOUGH SORTEI DATA AND EDA ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT DDN. PRESUME THESE ARE MACCHIS RATHER THAN MIRAGES.

DOMESTIC PRESS SITUATION:

4. GOZ-CONTROLLED MEDIA SITUATION BASICALLY UNCHANGED APR 2. "ELIMA" RUNS ARTICLE IN WHICH ZAIRIAN PUBLIC GIVEN FOR THE FIRST TIME SOME OF THE INFORMATION -- SINGA BEING NAMED TO HEAD SHABA OPERATIONS, ELUKI COMMENTS ON FIGHTING -- MADE AVAILABLE FOREIGN PRESS MAR 31. APR 1 FOREIGN PRESS BRIEFING, AT WHICH LTG BUMBA SCHEDULED TO APPEAR, FEATURED INSTEAD AZAP DELEGATE-GENERAL ELEBE DECLARING THAT KOLWEZI WILL NEVER FALL TO THE INVADERS. FOREIGN PRESS FILING CABLE COPY APR 1 PM NOT HASSELED BY CENSORSHIP PROC
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EDURES, WHICH AZAP'S ELEBE DENIED EVER EXISTED. PRESS FILING DURING AFTERNOON APR 1 HAD TO SHOW THEIR COPY BEFORE TRANSMITTAL, HOWEVER.

5. NO REASON GIVEN FOR BUMBA APR 1 NON-APPEARANCE, BUT HE DID APPEAR AM APR 2 BRIEFING TO PROVE "THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER." FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS BUMBA Q&A SESSION:
-- FAS HAS ASSUMED DEFENSIVE POSITION AT KOLWEZI.
-- CONTRADICTED MAR 31 STATEMENT BY COL. ELUKI THAT ALL OF MUTSHATSHA HAD FALLED; RATHER FAZ STILL CONTROLS PART OF TOWN.
-- RUSSIANS, CUBANS AND PORTUGUESE ARE NOW FIGHTING IN ZAIRE, ALTHOUGH FAZ HAS ONLY SEEN KATANGANS. LATER CONTRADICTED HIMSELF BY SAYING FAZ HAD SEEN RUSSIANS, CUBANS AND PORTUGUESE. AS TO HOW FAZ KNOWS THEIR IDENTITY, HE REPLIED: "WE KNOW BECAUSE NETO IS SUPPORTED BY THEM."
-- THE KATANGANS NUMBER 8,000 - 10,000 AGAIN CONTRADICTING ELUKI'S ESTIMATE OF SOME 5,000 TROOPS.
-- INVADERS USUALLY LEAD ATTACK FIRST WITH FORWARD UNITS OF LOCAL POPULATION, BACKED BY KATANGANS AND THEN FOREIGN ADVISORS/TROOPS.

-- IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER GOZ PLANNED TO USE MERCENARIES

(FOREIGN PRESS ALLUDED TO REPORTS OF WHITE MERCENARIES IN KOLWEZI), BUMBA SAID: "THAT IS NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE. IT IS UP TO THE PRESIDENT.

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DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION:

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A. THE CAPITAL CITY REMAINS CALM AS THE MPR PREPARES FOR THE APRIL 3 MARCH OF SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU. ACCORDING TO AN UNUSUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN APRIL 2 NEWSPAPERS, MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ELITE, INCLUDING THOSE IN POLITICAL BUREAU AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH WITH ALL OTHER "MILITANTS" OF THE PARTY.

B. IN A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU APRIL 1, IT WAS DECIDED THAT MOBUTU WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BO-BOLIKO AND A HIGH LEVEL ZAIRIAN DELEGATION AT NGOUABI'S FUNERAL APRIL 2. SPOKESMAN FOR THE POLITICAL BUREAU STATED THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL, AS THE SITUATION IN SHABA REQUIRES HIS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN THE CAPITAL.

7. LUBUMBASHI: SITUATION CALM. LUBUMBASHI DAILY MJUMBE ON APRIL 1 HEADLINED THAT NIGERIA HAD ACCEPTED THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA. FOLLOWING KINSHASA PARTY LINE, COMMISSAIRE DE REGION ASSUMANI GAVE A TELEVISION ADDRESS AGAINST RUMOR MONGERING IN WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED THE PLETHORA OF FALSE REPORTS TO A FIFTH COLUMN. MJUMBE CARRIED THE FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH AND INCLUDED A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL AGAINST SPREADING RUMORS.

8. KOLWEZI AND KAMINA: SITUATION CALM.

9. KAFAKUMBA: METHODIST MISSIONARIES ARE FLYING A PLANE TO KAFAKUMBA ON APRIL 3 TO PICK UP A SICK MEMBER OF THEIR CONGREGATION. THEY DO NOT EXPECT ANY PROBLEM.

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY:

10. KINSHASA MEDIA (APRIL 2) GIVES WIDE COVERAGE TO STATEMENT BY VISITING OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ETEKI M'BOUMONA: "ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF UNITY AND PEACE OF OUR ORGANIZATION, WE MUST NOT ACCEPT A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OR STABILITY OF ANY MEMBER STATE OF THE OAU." ACCORDING TO AGENCE ZAIRE-PRESSE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL FURTHER STATED THAT IT IS WITHIN THE OAU'S COMPETENCE TO

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FIND A METHOD BY WHICH TO SOLVE THE SHABA CRISIS.

AMERICAN CITIZEN SITUATION:

11. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI REPORTS AT 0810Z, APRIL 2 THAT THE 7TH DAY ADVENTISTS HAVE SENT SEVENTEEN OF THEIR TWENTY-EIGHT AMCITS TO ZAMBIA BY ROAD ON APRIL 1. EVACUEES INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF

COMMINGS (4), EVERET (3), HANSON (4), LEMON (4) AND NEUMANN (2)
FAMILIES. EMERGENCY ADDRESS FOR 7TH DAY ADVENTISTS IS GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF 7TH DAY ADVENTISTS, 6840 EASTERN AVENUE, N.W.,
WASHINGTON DC 20012. TELEPHONE: (202) 723-0800.

12. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY DATT AIRCRAFT
EVACUATE SEVEN PCV'S FROM KAMINA TO LUBUMBASHI. SITUATION UNDER
STUDY. WILL ADVISE.

13. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING BY METHODIST PLANE
THE TWO PCV'S FROM KILWA TO LUBUMBASHI TODAY, APRIL 2.

14. CONSTRUCTEURS INGA-SHABA REPORTS THEIR BASE AT KANANGA QUIET
AS OF 0900Z, APRIL 2.

OTHER NATIONALITIES:

15. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI REPORTS THAT THE AIR ZAIRE DC-10 WHICH
DEPARTED LUBUMBASHI ON THE EVENING OF APRIL OF APRIL 1 WAS
PREDOMINANTLY FILLED WITH ZAIRIAN AND EUROPEAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
NO AMCITS KNOWN TO BE AMONG THE GROUP.

16. AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI ALSO REPORTS THAT ON APRIL 1 THE
JAPANESE IN LUBUMBASHI MOVED ALL THEIR WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
TOTALLING SIX FAMILIES, TO SODIMIZA'S MINING SITE ON THE
ZAMBIAN BORDER.

17. UNLESS SITUATION RADICALLY CHANGES, THERE WILL BE NO SITREP
APRIL 3.

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